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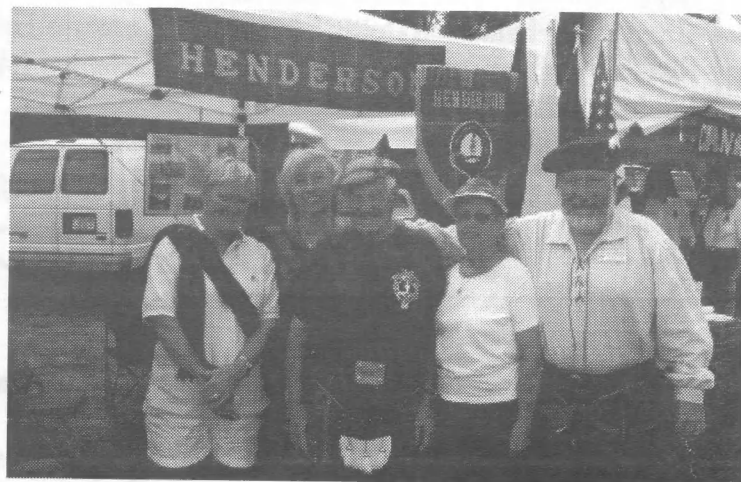
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Maclan wonders why everyone wasn't in this photo of Hendersons at the Sarasota Games. Lee and Dottie really know how to gather the clan. Were you up north in the snow?



Dottie Henderson reminds her kin that you don't have to be a convenor to gather the clan—just show up, that's a great way to start.

Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival

Halifax, Nova Scotia  Saturday, 6 June 2002

All members who are able to attend this Festival in June are reminded that Clan Henderson is the featured Clan at these Games this year. Apart from the duties associated with greeting visitors to our tent and explaining our family history, members are invited to assist with our third annual Haggis Toss.

Clan Henderson and Clan Lamont jointly sponsor and coordinate this fun event which awards prizes for all age groups at the Games. All monies collected are donated to the Halifax Games organizing committee to help defray the costs associated with producing the event.

Please call: (902) 429-1114 or email: hendersoncw@sprint.ca if you plan to attend and can assist in any way.

A Call for One-room Schoolhouse Alumni

Did you attend a one-room school house? Please write the editor with your story—include pertinent details and a photo if available. I am hoping to combine several cousins' articles. Write your tale today.

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Send the completed application to your Commissioner
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President's Potpourri

by Rex A. Maddox



A Kilt? A Kilted Skirt? A Long Kilted Skirt?

We have been fortunate, of late, to acquire some beautiful wool worsted material in the Henderson modern tartan. The opportunity came when a mill decided to close out their supply of 14oz tartan because of lack of orders. This worsted is woven of wool taken from Australian Merino sheep and is truly beautiful, "feels like silk" is the often heard response by a person feeling the lush tartan. It is woven in the heavier 14oz weight because the yield from Merino sheep is a denser fiber. Spun in bolts of 60" width, the material is selvedged and makes strong, long-lasting kilts as well as other apparel and non-apparel.

We were able to purchase this tartan at a price which makes it possible for us to offer it to Clan members at \$40 per yard, including shipping to your home address. Wool of this calibre normally sells for well over \$65 per yard when purchased directly through a mill or from a kiltmaker. Our purchase was felt to be such a good bargain that we could not pass it by.

By special arrangement with J. Higgins of Lenexa, Kansas, we have been able to arrange for the making of kilts, kilt skirts or formal skirts for a very special and favorable price. There are some details of which you should be aware prior to making your yardage purchase—this material being 60 inches wide permits the making of an 8 yard kilt by purchasing only four yards of the tartan—kilts made from this

amount of wool are for persons whose waist size is 38 to 46"—waist sizes under 38" will normally have kilts made from 7 yards of material while waist sizes of 47 to 56" are normally 9 yards—if ordering wool tartan for the small or larger kilt, the number of yards needed is reduced by half because of the width of this material. The price we have arranged with the Higgins organization for production of a kilt is \$150 - this means the total price for an 'average' kilt (38-46" waist - 8 yards) will be \$310! Consider the heavier weight of the material (14oz) which makes for a much sturdier product and the fact that a 13oz kilt is made for \$340 upwards—we think this is a wonderful opportunity to make a significant savings on a terrific product.

A kilted skirt, on the other hand, made to fit a waist size up to 46" requires only two yards of this material and can be produced for only \$60. The same price applies to kilted skirts of a larger waist size (over 47") however the amount of yardage required is three yards. Thus the production price would be \$140 to \$180.

A formal (long) kilted skirt may be anticipated to require, for waist sizes up to 46", four yards of material and larger waist sizes six yards. The production charge, however, would remain at the quoted price of \$60 so the total would run about \$200 to \$300.

The material has been purchased for the Clan Society by our President, Rex Maddox, who will be handling its sale and distribution for the Clan Quartermaster. All profits will be returned to the Clan Society

treasury. If you are interested in having a kilt or kilted skirt made of this truly beautiful and excellent material, call Rex and make your plans.

We're Looking for a Few Good Men and Women!!

We have been very privileged in experiencing an outstanding quality of leadership in the Clan Society, over the years, which has included the Commissioners of regions. We now find ourselves in the position of needing to fill two vacancies in these managerial positions. The recent resignation of our North Central Commissioner has been followed by a similar action on the part of the Commissioner of the North East Region, Gary Henderson.

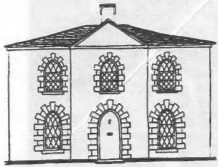
Having served as the Commissioner of the North East region since November 1997, Gary has proven to be a worthy successor to the previous Hendersons who held that office. It is unfortunate that he has found it necessary to relinquish responsibility for the North East region due to pressures of a personal nature. Gary has requested we locate a replacement at our earliest opportunity.

The North East Region is comprised of seven states; Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. The number of events in the region each year is twenty-seven, with thirteen of these in New York. The remainder are divided

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The Late Mr. Robert Henderson



The life history of our neighbor—the late Mr. Robert Henderson, the noted miniature painter, whose death was announced in last week's "Express," would have been hailed with delight by Dr. Samuel Smiles, the author of that world-famous book "Self Help," for Mr. Robert Henderson, by his own unaided efforts and strong natural love of art, rose from being a poor Scotch lad to a recognized and established position in the art world of London, and had the honour of painting the highest and most celebrated contemporary person-ages of his day. He was born near the old town of Dumfries, and when quite a child would endeavor to draw pictures of his surroundings with any medium that came to hand. Pencils, crayons, and even burnt sticks, served his purpose and got him into continual hot water with his parents who were entirely dead to these early artistic efforts. Disgusted with the monotony of the place, and seeing in his dreams the fabulous London paved with gold, he decided when only seventeen years old to put his fortune to the test, and made straight for his boyish Golconda. He secured sufficient money to pay his passage from Leith to London by sailing smack, which upon that particular trip had a consignment of the worst class of convicts, chained and secured below deck. The smack took seven days to complete the journey, and the voyage was only relieved by the airing given to the desperate characters before being returned to the hulks. The usual disillusionment followed arrival in the Metropolis, but fortunately the despondent boy was taken under the wing of a poor but kind

hearted uncle, a wood carver, who taught him that art. Then he lived laborious days with a vengeance, rising at five o'clock in the morning and working strenuously till late at night for two pence a week pocket money and his keep.



Robert Bruce Henderson

This miserable sum was invariably expended on the purchase of pencils, paints and paper, and after toiling for sixteen hours a day he would light up small pieces of waste ends of candle, and from sheer love of art spend many extra hours in drawing and painting through the quiet night whilst the rest of the family were asleep. Very often he was so absorbed in study that he obtained no rest at all between working days. The picture shops constituted his art galleries, and when sent with messages to customers, he would linger in front of them to the last possible moment. Occasionally he received small money presents, and with these and the opportunity afforded by slack business, he would glory in the gallery of the

Surrey Theatre and forget his hard life in the joys and sorrows of the drama. Even there the artist was paramount, and many clever sketches were made of the plays and performers.

Whilst employed at the wood carving his uncle received a most unusual commission to carve two large wooden elephants, life size for an Indian Prince, and this work interfered very much with his art studies for the time being. Other orders were for full size horses to show off the harness of the Long-Acre Carriage builders and Harness makers. One fine grey steed was the entire work of the young carver. He built it up with blocks of wood, hacked and trimmed it into correct shape, and after careful study from life, worked in the correct muscles and veins and painted it most realistically. For many years it stood in the windows of a firm of carriage builders next door to the old Queens Theatre. From this style of work to the refined and difficult art of miniature painting is a long jump, but it was gradually achieved through visiting the Royal Academy where the splendid miniatures of Thorburn, also from Dumfries, incited the self taught artist to try and emulate his famous townsman and master of this beautiful art. When out of his time as a worker in wood he turned more and more to his beloved painting and finally adopted it entirely as a profession. He painted portraits in oil for a short period, and one is to be seen in Greenwich hospital but in the end water color minitures claimed his whole and heart felt attention. For many years he was a constant exhibitor in the Royal Academy and met with considerable

attention from the leading critics. To Mr. J. Foster's excellently arranged and illustrated book *Miniature Painters British and Foreign*, the standard work on the history of miniature painting he contributed several pages explaining his method of painting together with many hints upon color tones and those he usually employed. He married early in life, and his wife, Mrs. Augusta Henderson became the well known and talented leading actress at the principal London theatres. This brought him into contact with such celebrated actors and actresses as Walter Montgomery, Howard Russell, Amy Sedgewick, Miss Heath, Mrs. Wilson Barrett, the inimitable Little Johnny Clark, John Ryder and Dundreary Sothern. Mr. Henderson was extremely fond of dramatic art

and was an excellent reader of Scotch poems. He recited at the Imperial Theatre upon several occasions for Scottish societies to which he belonged.

With the advent of photography miniature painting fell under a cloud but slowly and surely it emerged again into public favor and at the present time high class miniatures are all the rage and are even imitated by colored photographs, so called miniatures turned out by the thousand at a low price. One of the last miniatures executed by the late Mr. Henderson was that of Miss Christabel Harmsworth, sister of our neighbor Mr. Harold Harmsworth and to Sir Harold Harmsworth. During his career Mr. Henderson painted amongst hundreds of others the late Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh,

the Duke and Duchess of Albany, Duke of Cambridge, Prince Henry of Battenburg, Lord Rosebury, Lord and Lady Londonderry and children, Lord Hopetown, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord and Lady Shrewsbury and children, Lady Gerard the Countess of Shrewsbury, Lady Ormonde, Lord Alfred Paget, Lord Suffield, Lord Stanley, Lord Cardross, Lady Wolferton and among many foreigners of note, the Shah of Persia and the Crown Prince of Siam. He copied in miniature Sir John Millais portrait of Mr. Gladstone for Mr. Gladstone, and was commissioned to paint ten miniatures of King Edward for presentation by His Majesty to the Maids of Honor at the celebration of his coronation.

New article provided by
Herbert Matthews.

Useful Henderson Research Tools Available

By Horace Loftin

Hendersons of

<i>Early Alabama</i>	(1850)	40pp	\$ 9.00
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<i>Early California</i>	(1850)	12pp	\$ 6.00
<i>Early Connecticut</i>	(1850-1870)	37pp	\$ 9.00
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<i>Early Missouri</i>	(1850)	159pp	\$21.00
<i>Early New Hampshire</i>	(1850-1870)	55pp	\$10.00
<i>Early North Carolina</i>	(1850-1870)	150pp	\$17.00
<i>Early Pennsylvania</i>	(1850)	106pp	\$16.00
<i>Early South Carolina</i>	(1850-1870)	186pp	\$20.00
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<i>Early Texas</i>	(1860)	46pp	\$14.00
<i>Early Tennessee</i>	(1850)	66pp	\$14.00
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<i>Early Virginia</i>	(1850)	62pp	\$13.00
<i>Early Washington/Oregon</i>	(1850-1860)	38pp	\$10.00

We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact me for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

We also have an outstanding booklet prepared by Clansman B. B. Shuffler, with simple but detailed information on sources for doing Henderson research, emphasis on where to go and what to look for in Scottish records: *Search for Scots*, 32pp, \$10.00

To order, specify the booklets you want and send check made out to "Clan Henderson Society," to Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City FL 32407; phone: (850) 235-2984. Prices listed include postage.



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Horace Loftin
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Greenwood Dr.
Panama City,
FL 32407

Dear Cousins,

After years of worrying whether one more Henderson name added to the computer would blow the dern [sic] thing up, I've solved the problem! I've got a "new, improved" computer and new, user-friendly genealogy software Family Tree Maker.

I've been at this job for some 12 years now. For all that time, the limited memory of my "Sam's Club" computer and the often weird peculiarities of the excellent but user-unfriendly ROOTS III software have caused me sleepless nights. In the past I tried all sorts of computer gadgetry and updated software to solve my problems. But technical oddities, always defeated me. I had lots of advice from computer-wise friends—but they weren't genealogists. What I needed was a genealogist who was also computer-wise.

I found just such a genealogist cum computer whiz in our new "Scottish desk" appointee, Jerry McClendon. Bless his heart. He actually came down to Panama City from Sharpsburg, Maryland, for most of a week in February to work with me. He solved all my problems, left me with a notebook full of explicit directions, ("to do this. Do that") and wished me good luck.

(Jerry carried back floppies of everything, which he now has on his computer. He says he just ran a count—there are 50,000 plus names in our Clan data base!)

Old problems now solved, but now I'm on my own and very low on the learning curve. It seems to take about three times longer to do anything now, but hands-on experience should take care of that. I'm in and out of the software manual constantly, trying to

figure out how to do something that my fingers knew by heart with old Roots III. I miss several things from Roots III. For instance, Roots III automatically assigned a unique number to each individual added to the computer: and these numbers served as my chief means of locating folks in the data base. I'll have to figure a way around that with the new software. But Family Tree Maker has advantages that make up for and surpass the old system.

So, hang in there, cousins. I maybe a little slower for a while in responding to your queries, or getting off your print-outs. The formats will look different, and for a time your data may seem a mix of old and new styles. It will all settle out before long. And my sleepless nights of worry should be gone too! Thank again, Jerry!



Who were the "Scotch-Irish" we hear so much about those hardy folks who settled the frontiers of young America? They were descendants of Scots immigrants to Ulster, who came to the New World after one to many generations in what was then Ireland; Scots Presbyterians from the northern Irish counties. Actually, more "Scots" immigrated to America from Ulster than from Scotland!

Our data base is full of lines beginning in "Ireland"—ie, Ulster, or present-day Northern Ireland. And that's pretty much all we know about those progenitors. We need to know more. Who were they? How long in residence there? When did they get there and from where? Was there movement back and forth to Scotland? Etc.

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot
Clan Genealogist

You've heard it from me (and Rex and Russ and others) before, and I know you'll hear it again. In a society of volunteers (no one is on a pay roll), YOUR CLAN NEEDS YOU. When your Clan (and your genealogist) needed someone to take on the special problems of our Henderson (McKendrick, Henry et al) lines extending back into old Scotland, Jerry McClendon stepped forward. He is now our "Scottish Desk."

Now we need an "Ulster Desk."

From my correspondence with Clansmen over the years. I know that several of you have probed into the Ulster records, have traced your ancestors for a generation or more in Ireland, or have otherwise acquired some familiarity with Ulster genealogical resources. Won't you, like Jerry, step forward?

The "Ulster Desk" would be what you care to make of it, at your own pace, following your own interests. No hassle from me! I would propose to send you print-outs of our genealogies beginning in Ulster, for you to work over when and as you see fit. I would refer Ulster-queries from our cousins to you, to handle as you can and want. And ask that you keep me up-dated on what you uncover. That's it; your job to create as you wish.

Please, let me hear from you—for "your Clan needs you."

Horace

Hendersons in the Gold Rush

Did any of your Hendersons show up missing about 1849? There is a good chance they "went west," following the lure of quick wealth and adventure to the '49 gold fields of California.

Bob Henderson of Greer, South Carolina—alas now a flower of the forest—worked up the *Early Hendersons of California* for in our state census booklets series. In a postscript to the booklet, this is what he had to say about those young, ambitious Henderson lads.

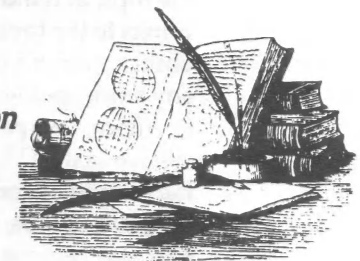
"... a few interesting "tidbits" that I noted while preparing the 1850 California census. Thought I would pass them along. After spending most of my life as a "bean counter," I just had to do it.

1. This census was taken the year following the 1849 Gold Rush. Of the 81 Hendersons listed, all appear to be single. I did not find a Henderson family. The only two of these single men to live in the same household appear to be brothers. Eighty are white and one is black. Seventy are miners, seven are merchants or in some form of retail, two are carpenters, one was a banker, and two are listed without employment.
2. Ninety-one percent of these Hendersons are located in the five counties of Calaveras, El Dorado, Yuba, Tuohane and Sacramento. The remaining seven Hendersons were located in Butte, Mariposa, Trinity and Los Angeles.
3. The place of birth for these 81 Hendersons was: NY 12, KY 10, TN 9, MO 8, OH 6, MA 6, IL 5, VA 4, NJ 4, ME 2, PA 2, SC 2, IN 2, AL 2, CT 1, and NC 1. Foreign born: England 2, Ireland 1, Canada 1. The Territory of Oregon had one Henderson who claimed California as his POB.
4. The average (mean) age was 28.1. The ages ranged from 16 to 46."

Hey! Your missing Henderson may be one of those 81 boys way out west. To find out, check our "Hendersons of Early California," \$6 (gold dust accepted), from Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Dr, Panama City FL 32407.

From the Secretary's Desk

by Dottie Henderson



2002 is now rolling along and I am finally getting used to using 2002 (or 2003 for this year's renewals!). I am always trying to keep the database current and as correct as I can. Still occasionally my typing fingers make errors. If you notice any errors on your An Canach mailing label or renewal card, please let me know. And remember—your member number is necessary to identify you—especially if you have the Henderson surname!

I apologize to any of the January and February renewals who got duplicate cards or one's with postage due. The large cream colored renewal cards you received have been replaced by the familiar postcard sized ones as the large ones require first

class letter postage and would prove to be too costly. Don't forget to send in your dues when you receive your renewal card—I know you don't want to miss receiving your An Canach and your membership will be changed to inactive if you get in arrears. Also, if you can remember to add the last four digits of your nine digit zip code to your renewal card I would appreciate it. Our treasurer, Christi sends them to me for updating after she processes the checks. The extra zip numbers will expedite mailings to you. Thanks for sending your change of addresses.

This is the season for events in Florida and other southern locations. I hope to meet more of you at some of them so I can put a face with some of those names in the database!



Book Review

by C. Fred Sanford, Clan Chaplain

Highland Heritage: Scottish Americans in the American South by Celeste Ray

If you've perused any table of books on Scottish history or culture recently, you probably have looked over, picked up, or even purchased this paperback. Perhaps my review here will cause you to look closer at what one researcher has found to explain what has taken place, and continues to take place, in the growth of Scottish identity in modern North America.

I begin by saying that I read this book with a number of hats. Not only have I been extremely interested in Scottish culture for many years as a kind of outsider (one with English/German roots, yet knowing so many genuinely interesting people of Scottish heritage—and married to one with Scottish roots), I also trace much of my Presbyterian faith and professional ministry through the personalities in the historic Church of Scotland.

And, I also share with the author of this book a graduate degree in the science of cultural anthropology.

That having been said, I highly recommend Celeste Ray's book to anyone who wishes to grasp the whole scope of Scottish heritage in North America.

But realize that this is not just a general look at the topic at hand. Dr. Ray is an anthropologist, and brings to the topic a scientific approach—participant observation if you will. Her model is the same as any anthropologist would approach a remote village in Africa, or a peasant village in Greece, or a school system in the U.S. She looks at the lifestyle patterns, the unique historical precedents, the common bonds of relationships, roles, symbols, stories and rituals, and the cement that maintains the survival of a particular social system.

So, what does she say about Scottish-American heritage? It's a means of celebrating and

remembering certain cultural elements from the history of the Scottish Highlands prior to the 18th Century, such as the military defeat of the Jacobites in 1746 and ensuing attempted suppression of Highland culture by English rule, the clan system, the development of tartan symbolism, and then the organization of festival events where competition, dancing, pageantry, and bagpipe music took place, both in Scotland and then in North America. In her words: [Scottish] heritage celebration not only revives a definite sense of identity (one which is willingly accepted from one's ancestors), but through experience at events and through the imagined sense of community also creates a realm in which those of different interests and generations mingle.

Dr. Ray gives reasons why Scots of various regions left both the highlands and the lowlands for Ireland and the American colonies, especially those who landed in the Cape Fear section of North Carolina. And, she shows that Scottish heritage events in the 20th Century almost surprisingly erase old feelings of enmity between previously warring clans and highland-lowland distrust. She also notes the importance of the printed word in clan society newsletters, where heritage is emphasized and tours of the homeland are encouraged. She is not afraid to state that much of the modern rituals and symbols of Scottish Highland celebration is invented, and is in continual re-invention each year, not at all for the purpose of diluting or weakening or forgetting what really happened in Scottish history, but that an ancestral identity be strengthened and be maintained as a source of social bonding, pleasure, sharing common family links, and a kind of religious/secular pilgrimage to the past.

Publication Announcement

The Xlibris Corporation of Philadelphia announces the publication of *The Scots of Virginia—America's Greatest Patriots* by clan member Horace Edward Henderson (ISBN: 0-7388-6131-6) which is now available from Orders@Xlibris.com (1-888-795-4274), or online at www.amazon.com, borders.com, barnesandnoble.com, and from Borders or Barnes & Noble bookstores.

The book relates the dramatic history of the Lowlander, Highlander and Ulster Scots, who were the second most numerous settlers in Colonial America, and stresses their important role in the founding of American independence and democracy. While the majority of the colonists of English origin either opposed independence or remained



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The Clan Is Calling For You!

By Charles B. Henderson
Commissioner, Mid-Central Region

When a Scottish Clan Chief wanted to gather his fellow clansmen, he sent a runner with a burning cross from glen to glen. Fortunately, when Clan Henderson wants to call its own, we have more efficient means at our disposal, including An Canach. That is why I'm writing this now, because the Clan is calling you—every one of you reading this.

The winter 2000 issue noted that Billy J. Henderson of Jackson, Ms., George C. Henderson of Lexington, S.C., and I were asked by our president, Rex Maddox, to serve as the nominating committee to identify officers for Clan Henderson for 2003/2004. Billy, George and I know there's a lot of talent and ability out there in the land, and we want to find the best men and women we can to lead the Clan as the new millennium begins.

What's required to be an officer for Clan Henderson? Some hard work and a strong desire to serve. As I've often said, the Clan works best when more of us join together, because the work is lighter for everyone and the results are more satisfying. Clan Henderson has enjoyed

tremendous growth and success in the last several years, and I believe we all want to see that continue. It will if you help.

Right now, efforts are also under way to update and clarify the officers' positions: president, vice president, vice president and general counsel, secretary and treasurer. We hope to announce the slate of nominees in the June 2002 issue, but at the moment we're still searching for someone to replace Dottie Henderson as secretary.

What's involved in serving as secretary? Here's a quick rundown of the primary responsibilities:

- (1) Keeping the Clan Henderson database of members as up to date and accurate as possible, including renewals and change of addresses; and
- (2) Responding to prospective members' requests for information about the Clan.

"I hope to have gone through all the original member forms to see if the individual information was entered correctly when the database was switched to Access," said Dottie. [She's now using Access Windows XP.] "I hope to have this accomplished by the time my replacement takes

over."

Dottie also noted another quality that the Secretary has to have: "You should enjoy communicating with people and want to foster interest in Clan Henderson."

So, cousins, we ask you: If not you, then who? And if not now, when?

If you have questions, contact one us:

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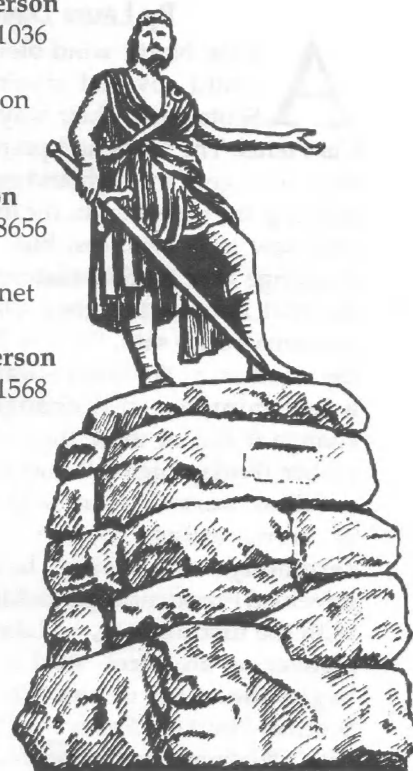
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passive, most of the Highlanders in America fought with the British, and most of the Lowlanders either went back to Scotland or fled to Canada. Thus, it was the Scots from Northern Ireland (Scotch-Irish), in their Presbyterian churches on the frontier and dressed in their buckskin jackets carrying their long rifles, who not only sounded the first demands for freedom from England, but also provided the majority of the patriotic troops which defeated the British and gained liberty and democracy for the United States of America. Truly, the Scots of Virginia were America's greatest patriots!

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(Book summary online at www.xlibris.com/ScotsofVirginia.html)



Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



Far South Region
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March Madness Midwest City Games Oklahoma

By Laura Davis-Thiry

As the North wind blew onto a cloud covered staging field; Scots made their way to their Clan tents. The Scots had prepared for the challenge of the highland games, the dancing, the piper bands, the food court and new memberships; but, the true challenge was Mother Nature herself. As Will Rogers, the great Oklahoma statesman once said, "If you don't like the weather in Oklahoma — wait around a few minutes — it'll change." And change it did. A mere fourteen hours earlier (Friday night) the weather was windless, warm and humid to the point of being muggy; while the torch ceremony was being held. Our esteemed President, Rex Maddox led off with the first torch lit, exclaiming "the Henderson are here!" And it is here I begin the story of the 6th Annual Scottish Heritage Festival of Midwest City, Oklahoma, better known as **March Madness**, to those who attended.

What an honor to convene your first games and have the President show you the ropes. We were a bit anxious and nervous meeting him. We were used to watching — not doing. But, Rex was patient and we took a lot of notes.

"The Henderson tent is known as the friendliest. We gladly help people find their clan. We like for people to have a reason to stop at our Clan Henderson tent and come in to sign our guest boo," Rex instructed. And, out of the wind they came. The hands of our guests were

shaking and a couple of pens even froze, but, we had guests at our tent! The side tarps helped a lot as the wind chill was in the mid-teens. Despite that, kilts were plenty, pipers piped (Pat Heston, Pipe Major, 123rd Street Band), dancers danced (Laura Venable took 3rd place), eaters ate (Nathan Thiry took 1st place in calories consumed), and people joined Clan Henderson (nine at last count).



Vice President William Henderson shared stories of his latest visit to Scotland. His humorous tales had our tent overflowing with laughter and we didn't mind the cold so much. Regional Commissioner David Henderson and wife Beth brought us up-to-date on their kid's latest adventures. Beth reassured me that Arlington would **not be cold**, come 2 June. I watched my breath form an eerie smoke signal as I answered hopefully, "Are you sure?"

Tom and Linda Hendricks, Clan coordinators and trustees of the games, made Clan Henderson proud, even though Linda told a Campbell joke from the main stage, and Tom was seen riding on and waving from his golf cart.

My best friend was visiting from Illinois. She has been a bit envious of our Scottish heritage. Well, envious no

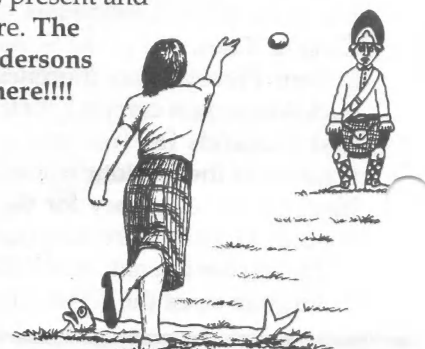
more, her mother is a Henry. (I always thought of her as a sister — now I know why.) As Saturday afternoon came to a close, the sun broke through and smiled down on us.

Sunday was cold but without the wind. The church service was held in a large tent with several clans represented. This was one of my favorite moments as Kenny, my husband, carried the Henderson banner and our children, Sarah & Nathan, joined us for worship. Celtic Call played very inspiring old hymns as the crisp morning air was filled with the sounds of harp, pipes and high soprano voices lifting one's soul skyward. What a glorious way to begin a day.

Before we knew it, the festival was over. Tents were put away in trucks and vans. Scots shook hands and gave hugs to those they hoped to see again soon as they headed to the next games together. Most of our Clan Henderson will meet again at Arlington. Hopefully, **warm** Arlington.

As Kenny and I drove across town to our home, we reflected on how much we enjoyed the weekend. We made new friends, shared great stories, planned future events and most of all, did it together as a family. Our daughter (21) and son (14) enjoyed the weekend as much as we did. President Rex Maddox had a daughter (Leigh Maddox) and a grandson (Pat Heston) present at the games.

I learned that Scottish heritage is past, present and future. **The Hendersons are here!!!!**



An Canach ♦ Spring 2002



Mike and Brendra Fletcher, Dottie and Lee Henderson in Naples, Florida.



Naples Celtic Festival 16-17 February by Lee Henderson Deputy Commissioner, South Florida

This is the second year for the new two day Celtic Festival in Naples Florida. Last year the usually wonderful Florida winter weather did not cooperate. It was cold and windy and the festival lost money.

This year, sorry to say, it was rained out on Saturday as rain poured down in buckets through the morning and into the afternoon (This is supposed to be the dry season in Florida!). It was so wet that the sponsors offered free beer at the Guinness truck at noon for soggy remnants.

Sunday this year proved to be a beautiful day with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-seventies so we set up the Clan Henderson tent. Although the music at the festival was 90% Irish (well, the festival is sponsored by The Irish American Club) there was a demonstration of Highland Games and the Dunedin Pipe played.

We were the only Scottish clan represented. We tried to fill in for all Scots to help people who were looking for Scottish roots. We were joined by members Mike and Brendra Fletcher. Brenda, who is very active in Clan Macleod helped us search—we had a lot of people at the tent! We were fortunate to have Robert Carson and Bruce Sorley stop by. They caddy at St. Andrews Golf Course, Scotland, in the summer and are here to caddy at golf courses in South

Florida for the winter.

The sponsor for the event, the Irish American Club of Naples, was very receptive when we asked to have a Clan Henderson tent and we are hopeful that we can work with them to get a few more Scottish clan tents, entertainment, vendors, food etc. for future years.

Stay tuned for next year's report.



Ed and Rene Beck in front of the Clan Henderson tent.

Ocala, Florida Games 10 November 2001 by Ed and Rene Beck

It was a beautiful sunny fall morning with a light mist in the air when we arrived at the Ocala Equestrian Complex for the Ocala Scottish Games and Irish Feis.

Dr. Horace Loftin, Clan Henderson Genealogist, joined Ed and Rene Beck (novice convenors) to give moral support at the Clan Henderson tent.

A huge crowd was on hand most of the day. A complete array of events including bagpipes, Highland and Irish Step dancing, sheep dogs, heavy athletics and a horse show entertained the attendees.

Beth Gay, *Family Tree* editor, was Guest of Honor for the Games. As a member of Clan Henderson Society, Beth joined us for the Parade of Clans. Clan Henderson received thunderous applause as we circled the arena. Beth had brought her large American Flag which members of Clan Henderson proudly carried in the parade.

We are proud to announce the enrollment of seven new Clan Henderson Society members at the games.



Sarasota Scottish Highland Games 2 February 2002

By Diane Henderson Messner

A beautiful, warm, sunny day greeted clans and visitors at the ninth annual Highland Games held in Sarasota, Florida. Sir John Hamilton Gillespie, an Edinburgh aristocrat, lawyer and member of the royal company that served as the monarch's bodyguard, arrived in Sarasota in 1886 to help run a Scottish-based land-sale company in the Sarasota colony. He was the first mayor, elected in 1902 and created Sarasota's first driving range (He was an avid golfer). It is said by some that there are more persons of Scottish heritage in and near Sarasota than in any other spot in Florida.

The Sarasota County Fairgrounds was the setting for the games using several large fields—one for the games, and one for the sheep herding exercises as well as the parade of clans and the performance by the guest bagpipers. Vendors were located at one end of the fairgrounds and continuous entertainment was provided by Alex Beaton, the Wynd Breakers, Off Kilter, Carl Wilson, Christina Harrison, Woody McDonnell, various dancing groups and the Beauvoir Brigands—a group of strolling minstrels, who did some special serenading to Lee and Dottie Henderson at the clan tent!

We signed up new members—the Ralph and Elizabeth Lathart family of Sarasota. The tent was visited by many interested people and among those who gathered in the tent were: Lee and clan secretary Dottie Henderson, Merle Henderson (Lee's brother from Flagstaff, Arizona), Diane Henderson Messner, Alex and Barbara Henderson, Calvin Henry and granddaughter, Dolores Martin. Beth Gay from Moultrie, Georgia, the editor-in-chief of the *Family Tree*, stopped for a lovely visit and we also welcomed five other guests.

The games were especially fun this year as the competition field was right in front of the clan tent and we were able to view the incredible abilities of the athletes. The caber, the weight tosses, the hammer and especially the sheaf toss were just awesome to view—it was like watching our own Olympics!!

From the bagpipes to the pasties to the sheepdogs – it was a wonderful day!!

South Pacific Region
Larry Mae Phillips
Commissioner



Hawaiian Scottish Festival

Larry L. and Jackie Phillips are planning to convene a Clan Henderson table at the Hawaiian Scottish Festival on 6-7 April 2002 Kapiolani Park Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information: phone (808) 235-7605 or see HSA web site <http://www.scotshawaii.org>.



Neil Henderson, President Rex Maddox, and convenor Gene Phillips at the Sacramento Valley Games, Woodland, California 2001

Sacramento Valley Scottish Games

The Sacramento Valley Scottish Games will be held on 26-28 April 2002 at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, CA. For information call (916) 557-0764.

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan

The 5th Annual Kirkin' o' th' Tartan was held on 29 October 2001 at the Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA. Larry L. Phillips and Gene Phillips represented Clan Henderson. Twenty-two Clans were represented at this event this year.

For information call (916) 452-7132.

New Book

How The Scots Invented The Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything in It by Arthur Herman (Crown Publishers) presents a fascinating historical journey that reveals how all of Western Civilization owes a debt to one nation-Scotland.

Consider David Hume, who transforined our modern understanding of morality and politics; Adam Smith, who shaped the fundamentals of our global economy; and Sir Walter Scott, Andrew Carnegie, James Watt, and the many brilliant scientists who revolutionized literature, medicine, engineering, and industry. The Scottish legacy has changed America and the world. Western ideals such as democracy, freedom of speech, equal opportunity, and a commitment to education were all contributed by a nation once thought of as narrow-minded, brutal, and backward. *How The Scots Invented The Modern World* traces Scottish history back to its beginning and reveals it to be the world's most influential powerhouse of innovation.

How The Scots Invented The Modern World examines how the Scots made their mark in India, Canada, Africa, Australia, and other nations; how the'y not only gave birth to the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution, but also to the ideological foundations of the nation that most represents the face of modernity. Now 13 million strong, Scottish Americans are largely responsible for having transformed the United States into the center of industrial society.

How The Scots Invented The Modern World is the quintessential history of a nation that has yet to be widely recognized as the single-most influential force in our modern world.

About The Author

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Far South Region

A new bodyguard has been appointed. We are very proud to introduce Tom Hendricks. Tom was born in Long Beach, Ca. He has been on the Moore Fire Dept. since October 1981 and is currently a lieutenant. He is on the Oklahoma State Firefighter Association Educational Advisory Board and was in charge of the Oklahoma State Fire School in August 2001.

He joined Clan Henderson about four years ago, with his wife Linda and their two sons, Bo and Steven. He has been a member of the United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma for six years and, for the past four years, he has been involved with Scottish

Heritage Festival. Two years ago, he was elected to the USCO Board of Trustees and holds the office of Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He is also the co-coordinator of the Clans for the USCO Scottish Heritage Festival. After meeting Rex Maddox at the 2001 Heritage Festival, in Midwest City, Oklahoma, he agreed to join the Henderson Bodyguards.

Tom is very proud of the Clan Henderson and promotes it whenever he can!!! We are very lucky to Tom share some of his busy schedule helping us out in the Far South Region. Thank you Tom.

Flag Kits Distributed

By Rex Maddox

Seven Clan Henderson Society flag bags containing one flag w/poles, one shield w/poles and two banners (one large, one small) w/poles for the large, were sent to the addressees of this message yesterday. Additionally, kits were mailed to Larry Mae Phillips and William E. Henderson of Morristown, New Jersey, a convenor in the Mid East Region who does five events annually for the Society in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

Those boxes mailed to US recipients should take about a week for delivery while the two sent to Canadian Commissioners will probably take four to six weeks. All were sent parcel post or surface mail by USPS.

Once I retrieve the equipment still in the possession of Ann Henderson, which Claude kept in his office, I will have an additional three flag kits to send to convenors who set up at four or more events for the Clan Society.

One of these kits has been promised to David S. Henderson of Veradale, Washington, whom I recruited at the Spokane, Washington Games last August. David will soon be moving to Arizona (in retirement) and has agreed to convene the four events held in that state for the South East Region.

Each kit has attached to the bag's carry strap a set of recommended instructions and a postcard which requests that you sign, date and mail to me as soon as convenient. This card will be placed on file and reflects acceptance of the indicated items from the Clan Society inventory. Don't forget to put a stamp on the card—I did not do so.

The cost of these items far exceeds the amount they were insured for with the USPS. They are extremely well made and you will note a tag on each which denotes ownership by the Clan Henderson Society, with the address of George Henderson of Lexington, SC for return should the item go astray. (George told me recently that he had received a flag from someone who had found it at an event - he did not say where or when it took place - but he will be the recipient of any other lost straying items.) The money expended for these items was taken from the Clan Society treasury and is now your responsibility to show flags, banners and shield you receive, at as many events as possible so we may find those cousins who to join with us as members of the Society. By locating them, you will only be returning the money expended back to the treasury, but also adding your funds for more events. Don't forget current membership is \$15 per year with \$5 going into the region's fund!

I know you will enjoy the items you are about to receive. Thanks for your support and efforts on behalf of the Society!!!





Scotland 2002 Tour

The price is set, for trip info, contact:

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Here is the itinerary for SCOTLAND 2002 Tour. This is in response to requests from past travelers as well as some of you who couldn't go last year, but wanted to think about a trip this year. We have included the Tattoo, several Abbeys, some gardens, a Palace, Castles, a few cathedrals, woolen mills, with lots of time to visit the towns and learn as much history as you may want or need, as well as visit the Henderson Stone near Glencoe and a sighting of Fordell Castle. As always we will be staying in interesting hotels some in the center of town and a few on the outskirts. Our Coach Captain is the terrific John Mackie who will add the mystical Scottish touch to our tour, while Linda Whitton will again be the Tour Escort. Linda has developed a wonderful itinerary, which always has some time for some special requests.

Scotland is a land of legends and romance, rich in folk lore. It is a land of castles, some still inhabited and many ruined, a land of islands and highlands. It is a land of dynamic cities as well as some of the best mountains, lakes, lochs, salmon-filled rivers, incomparable golf courses, woolen mills, distilleries, and some of the nicest people one could want to meet. The Scots have been through clashes dating back to the Romans and Hadrian's Wall, seen the beginning of Christianity with the landing of St. Columba in 563 AD, and witnessed many nations fighting for the crown. Scotland is also the home to numerous Universities with St. Andrews founded in 1412. Come join us for a visit to this tiny land with a big heart and see for yourself how great a country it is and why its history and lore is still uppermost in most American hearts. Space will be limited to 20 and can only be reserved by receipt of your deposit.

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| <p>31 July Depart from Dulles on British Midlands at 5:50 P.M., arriving in Manchester on Thursday, 1 August at 5:55 A.M.</p> | <p>4 August This morning you will have a chance to attend church, then depart for Loch Leven and Perth, visiting Scone Palace, and then head for Dundee where we will stay for two nights at the Queens Hotel.</p> |
| <p>1 August Following arrival at Manchester, we will transfer to our flight to Edinburgh at 8:15 A.M. and upon arrival at 9:10 A.M. will be met by John Mackie. I know you will be exhausted, but we will do a quick tour of Edinburgh and then drive down to the Borders, by way of Abbotsford House, Sir Walter Scott's home, just outside of Melrose. We will have an early check-in at the family-run Burts Hotel, built in 1722, which is within walking distance of Melrose Abbey where you will have time to visit before dinner.</p> | <p>5 August This morning we will travel up to Glamis Castle and then return to Dundee to visit the RRS Discovery and do some shopping or just wandering the waterfront.</p> |
| <p>2 August This morning we will be up early and off to visit the Abbeys of Kelso and Jedburgh with a quick stop at the woolen mills, then to Dryburgh Abbey with a stop at Scott's View and back to Melrose where you will have time to visit the shops and Melrose Abbey on your own.</p> | <p>6 August Today we will travel up to Arbroath, visiting the abbey and perhaps tasting an Arbroath Smokie. We will then travel north to Montrose, visiting the House of Dun and then will spend the night at the Links Hotel.</p> |
| <p>3 August This morning we will depart for Edinburgh at 10:30 A.M., having time to do some last minute shopping. Our trip will be by way of Galashiels and a visit to the Lochcarron Woolen Mill. Our Hotel for the evening will be the Apex International Hotel located just below the Castle and we will attend the Tattoo in the evening. Dinner will be on your own.</p> | <p>7 August This morning we will drive North through Aberdeen and our first stop will be Pitmedden Gardens. From here we will go north to Banff and travel along the Moray Firth to Portsoy Harbor, then to Cullen Bay and stop in Fochabers at the Baxter Food Plant and then to Elgin for two nights at the Mansefield House Hotel.</p> |
| | <p>8 August This will be a free day for all of us. Our hotel is less than 2 blocks to town, just below Lady Hill and near the woolen mill and the cathedral as well as the library and park. Elgin is a small town with nice shops.</p> |

- 9 August This morning we will visit the lovely gardens in Forres as well as the Sueno Stone with a drive through Inverness and then stop at the little town of Beaulieu for a break. We will continue through the North West Highlands to Kyle of Lochalsh with a stop at Loch Carron. We will take the bridge to Skye and spend two nights in Portree at the Cuillin Hills Hotel, a tenth-century hunting lodge overlooking Portree Bay and the Cullin Mountains.
- 10 August Today we will visit Dunvegan Castle, the Talisker Distillery and spend time in Portree. Dunvegan Castle is the seat of the MacLeod's and Talisker is a very distinguished tasting whisky.
- 11 August This morning we will drive to Armadale to the visitor center and then take the ferry from Skye to Mallaig. From there we will visit the Glenfinnan Monument and visitor center and spend the night at the Moorings Hotel near Fort William.
- 12 August This morning we will watch the boats on the Canal and then visit Fort William for a walkabout. In Glencoe we will stop at the Henderson Stone, and then the Glencoe Visitor Center. From here we will continue down to Oban for lunch and spend the night at the Loch Melfort Hotel as well as visit the lovely Arduaine Gardens next to our hotel.
- 13 August Today we will visit the church of Kilmartin as well as find a few standing stones in the area. We will drive down the Kintyre Peninsula to Claonaig and catch the ferry to the Isle of Arran. Our hotel for the next two nights will be the Auchrannie Country House Hotel in Brodick.
- 14 August Today we will tour the Isle of Arran. It is said that the Island is Scotland in miniature. We will visit the newest distillery in Lochranza and the Machrie Moor Stone Circles and return to Brodick in time to visit the Castle.
- 15 August This morning we will take the ferry from Brodick to Ardrossan and then drive to Glasgow where we will visit the Cathedral, George Square. We will then travel north to Stirling with a stop at Bannockburn. Our hotel for the night will be the Golden Lion, located just below the Castle.
- 16 August Today we will visit the Castle in the morning and then depart for Culross and visit the Palace of Culross and the visitor center before going on to Fife to the Belvedere Hotel in West Wymss for the next two nights.
- 17 August This morning we will go to Dunfermline to visit the Cathedral and the library, then to sight Fordell Castle, and spend the afternoon in St. Andrews. We will return to West Wymss for our farewell dinner at the Belvedere Hotel.
- 18 August Up early for breakfast and then off to Edinburgh for our flight to Manchester. We depart Manchester at 12:45 P.M. and arrive Washington Dulles at 3:35 P.M.

Romance Blossoms from "Henderson Homelands 2000"

by Peggy Zanin

The "Henderson Homelands 2000" tour was a delightful experience for all who attended. Our coach driver, John Mackie shared his wealth of information and was the soul of kindness itself. One of the participants, Marcia Thurston was there to assist her mother, Mabel Wallace, who had difficulty getting around. There was no indication of anything out of the ordinary until word got around recently that Marcia and John planned to marry. Having also been participants, my husband and I were delighted.

The wedding was held on 9 March in Provo, Utah. Since we live on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, we decided to drive over and help them celebrate. It was a small wedding, mainly just immediate family and a few friends. The service was presided over by Bishop Sanchez of the LDS Church and was extremely brief. Gerald Dick piped the bride in to the tune of Highland Cathedral and out again to Scotland the Brave. He is a very versatile musician who then played the folk harp while everyone enjoyed wedding cake and punch. The bride and groom plan to live in Dundee, Scotland, John's home. I'm sure I can speak for more than myself when I say we wish them many happy years together!





Tartan Day Manhattan

As sunlight dappled through the trees onto the footpath of Literary Walk in Central Park, Manhattan, six pipe bands including the Strathclyde Police Band from Glasgow, a colour guard of the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, and a parade of dignitaries marched to the Band Shell where they were welcomed by a display of Scottish dancing and music by their Grand Marshall, Hollywood film star and Academy Award winner Cliff Robertson.

Others on the podium comprised Henry J. Stern, City of New York Parks Department Commissioner; Bradford Billet, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Commission to the United Nations; Alan L. Bain, President of the American Scottish Foundation; Geoffrey Berg, British Deputy Consul General; James R. Campbell, Chieftain New York Caledonian Club; Roderick Errol Kerr Jnr, President St Andrew Society of the City of New York; Joseph Fisch, President, United States Beverage and John Lampl, Vice President of Communications for North America, British Airways. They had assembled to launch US Tartan Week 2000, in its second year fast becoming a truly remarkable celebration of Scottish ancestry across coast-to-coast America.

Meantime, similar celebrations were taking place in Chicago, notably a fashion spectacular provided by Belinda Robertson, Scotland's top cashmere designer.

Tartan Day - USA

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That same night a Formal Ball was held at the New York Genealogical Society building with Johnnie Walker Black Label among the sponsors, and four days later it was Washington's turn.

The catalyst for all this had come about in 1998 when the 6th April, the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, was officially recognised by the US Congress in Resolution 155 as National Tartan Day. This provided the opportunity for Americans to honour, on an annual basis, the contributions made by Scottish Americans towards the evolution of the United States. Many of the words and phrases used in the Declaration of Arbroath, wherein the long-ago nobles of Scotland, demanded recognition of their rights from the Pope in Rome, are echoed in the American declaration of Independence, and it can be no coincidence that almost half of the signatories of the latter were of Scottish ancestry.

So what was wrong with St Andrews Day, named after Scotland's patron saint, hitherto the traditional opportunity for Scots to celebrate? Whereas the Irish St Patrick's Day occurs in the Spring, when the weather in North America and, indeed, in Northern Europe, is favourable for outdoor activities, St Andrews Day on 30th November is more often than not cold and wet, not exactly encouraging for parades and celebrations in the open air.

Then why call it Tartan Day?

To many in today's Scotland, with its devolved parliament creating an enhanced spirit of national identity, tartan, to a very great extent associated with the

Highland clans of Scotland and a way of life largely extinct, is redolent of historical kitch. As modern Scotland struggles with its self-image, there is a tendency among some to denigrate tradition and heritage on the basis that it is holding them back. They should think again.

No other country of its size can claim to have such a versatile, colourful and instantly recognisable fabric as tartan at its disposal. Tartan is not only about the past. Tartan Day represents a platform from which to present a vibrant and vital Scotland of the future.

Walking down Fifth Avenue on a warm spring evening to seek out Manhattan's night spots, John, Iain and David Stirling, three young kilted brothers from Arbroath, who organise golf tours and had come to join in the celebrations, concluded that this must be the friendliest city in the world. That is until they reached Washington.

Behind the passing of Resolution 155 was former US Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, whose mother is a member of the Clan Buchanan which once proudly inhabited the shores of Loch Lomond. In consequence it was decided by the American Scottish Foundation that he should receive their coveted Wallace Award. The Foundation, incidentally, was set up in Manhattan in 1954 by Lady Malcolm Douglas Hamilton, the aunt of the present Duke of Hamilton, to raise funds in support of Scottish charitable causes.

Past recipients of this award which is given in recognition of the achievements of American Scots include General Douglas MacArthur, the film star Greer

Garson, Ambassador Francis Kellogg, fashion guru Diane Vreeland, and the DNA pioneer James Watson.

But there was an added dimension to the presentation this time. To begin with, it was made on the steps of the Capitol Building following the joint-opening of the Senate Proceedings by Senate Chaplain Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, President of the St Andrews Society of Washington DC and the Rt. Rev John Cairns, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Emotions ran strong as well-known singer Wintley Phipps sang the hymn "Amazing Grace", and American Scottish Foundation President Alan Bain handed over the award. Bain, a Manhattan-based attorney, with his colleagues Duncan Macdonald and Joann Phipps, who heads up the Washington ASF, and their various voluntary support groups, had worked long and hard to achieve this day. That evening at the British Embassy, UK Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer, paid tribute to them and promised his support in the years ahead.

And as a result, last year's celebrations were equally triumphant, with the Wallace Award presented in the same Capitol Building setting to Hollywood veteran Sir Sean Connery. Edinburgh's Lord Provost Eric Milligan attended the New York parade with Scotland's First Minister Henry McLeish, who then travelled to Washington for the subsequent events and managed an interview with President George W. Bush into the bargain.

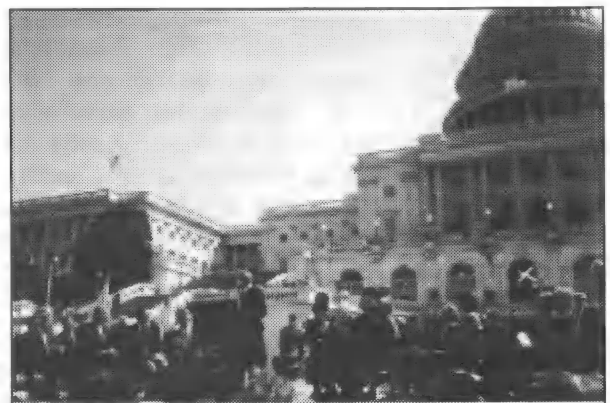
Nobody can underestimate the impact of the events of September 11th 2001, and the worldwide wave of shock and condemnation they provoked. Never before has it been so important to show worldwide solidarity against such acts of terrorism, and the highlight of Tartan Day on 6th April in Manhattan this year is to be Tunes of Glory, when between

6,000 and 10,000 kilted pipers from many countries where the so-called Scottish diaspora is strong will march down 6th Avenue and into Central Park.

The proceeds from charitable donations relating to this and sponsorship from Scottish Power and Visit Scotland will go towards two cancer charities, Marie Curie Cancer Care in the UK and The Gilda Fund in the USA. On the night of the 5th April, a glittering \$1,000 a ticket ball is scheduled to take place at the Waldorf Astoria attended by Scotland's First Minister Jack McConnell with his wife Bridget. Others who will be taking tables from Scotland include brother and sister Scottish bus tycoons Ann Gloag and Brian Souter. In tandem with these rather glitzy events, there will be a piping concert at the New York Centre for Performing Arts and the Visit Scotland sponsored Distilled in Scotland, a programme of talks and exhibitions held over from last October's UKinNY. A whole army of Scottish personalities and public figures have in principle committed to attend, including super chef Clarissa Dickson Wright; radio and television broadcaster Sheena McDonald; the McGregor Band, comprising the father, brother and cousins of Holywood super star Ewan McGregor; Sir Sean Connery; Scottish Secretary of State Helen Liddell; Scottish Tourism Minister Lord Watson, and once again Edinburgh's Lord Provost Eric Milligan.

In Washington on 9th April the Wallace Award Ceremony is also scheduled to take place again, with this year's nominated joint-recipients President George W. Bush and UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, but details of where this will take place and indeed whether or not they have accepted, have yet to be announced. Whatever the outcome, a whole series of other diverse Tartan Day celebrations is certainly in the pipeline.

One thing is certain. With



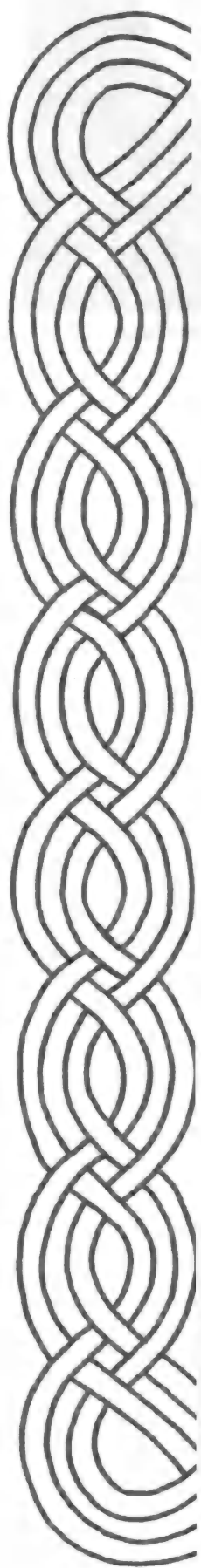
Wallace Award ceremony, Washington

Tartan Day ostensibly mushrooming into Tartan Fortnight, the blood is strong. From Toronto over the Canadian Border to San Diego in the far west, Scotland's descendents will be making themselves known as never before.

A report from Tartan Day 2002 will be published at the Burke's Peerage & Gentry web site in April 2002 www.burkes-scotland.com

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amongst the other states with Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire having three each, two each in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and one in Vermont. Ideally the person assuming the office of Commissioner of this Region would be centrally located, however this opportunity is rarely accomplished. We have seldom in the past been able to find a person who lives central to all activity within a region and who has the time and means to travel to all the events for which they may be responsible. This is one reason why it becomes so important to 'manage' the region and make contact with individuals who will be willing to convene at Scottish/Celtic events in not too distant a proximity to their homes. The Commissioner 'sells' his region to other cousins with an interest in seeing the Henderson name grow amongst the Clans of Scotland—sons of Henry who have a desire to meet with their close or distant relatives and enjoy being involved in things Scottish.

The individuals we are looking for to fill the two vacancies which exist should have the time to devote to ensuring the name of Henderson is placed before the public at every opportunity and be willing to travel to events within his/her region to accomplish this point. Being a Commissioner does require the expenditure of some personal funds but most of the time these monies are deductible from personal income taxes as authorized contributions in support of our IRS designated 501(c)(3) organization. This is especially true when travelling to and from events at which a tent is erected and the Henderson name is placed before the public.

Appointments to the position of Commissioner are accomplished by the President of the Society and the individual serves on the Executive Board for the purpose of making input and voting on the operation of the

Clan Society. The appointment is for a term to be determined by the individual although it is expected he/she will serve at least two years in the position as it takes that long to become well established amongst the Scottish/Celtic community within the region. It is highly desirable that a Commissioner have a kilt of Henderson tartan and be willing to wear that garment at all pertinent functions he/she attends. Additional items of traditional clothing are to be obtained and worn at the discretion of the individual. The appointee is expected to maintain a current active membership in the Society.

We need to fill these positions now and will be happy to provide additional information as required to any current Clan Society member desiring to contact one of the elected (president, vice presidents, secretary or treasurer) Clan Officers. Telephone numbers for these individuals may be located inside the rear cover of this issue of An Canach.

Our Dues Increased on 1 January!!

As reported in the last issue of An Canach, the Clan Society membership, in session at the AGM in Arlington, Texas last June and on the recommendation of the Executive Board, determined a necessity to increase the annual membership dues to \$15 effective 1 January of this year.

The increase was recommended in order to establish regional accounts with the treasurer. It is planned to deposit five dollars (\$5) of each renewal or new membership into an account specifically for regional support. Commissioners of regions will have the responsibility for submitting a budget for each year in which they desire to use the funds you contribute as part of your membership fee. These

funds are to be used to provide tent space, tables and chairs at events within the region and disbursed to the regions, as required, to provide additional flags, banners and shields need for the convening of events.

The treasurer has noted about twenty-five percent of our members who have renewed their memberships since the first of the year have failed to send the correct amount of dues money. It has evidently become such an automatic procedure to make out a check in the amount of ten dollars that some of us are continuing to send that amount as the annual dues. We ask that you please support the Clan Society and our regional activities by sending in the fifteen dollars annual dues renewal fee as specified in this publication. You are actually the recipient of the increase when you attend any Scottish/Celtic function at which the Clan Society has been able to convene a tent—it's your money that permits us to put the Henderson name before the public and perhaps—just perhaps—find that distant cousin of yours who has the key to locating your lost ancestor!

Can We Have A Chat?

I have recently notified the Commissioners of our fourteen regions of my itinerary for this year. It is similar to that which I followed last year, in that I will be visiting about twenty-five or so locations at which Scottish or Celtic events are being held.

There were twenty-eight events attended last year, all the way from Panama City, Florida, to Enumclaw, Washington driving most of the way, but flying to several events in Sacramento, California, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Estes Park, Colorado. Pat and I met many current and former members of the Clan Society while attending these events and are fortunate to have numerous of our former

From the Chaplain

by the Rev. C. Fred Sanford



Henderson! the man! the brother! And art thou gone, and gone for ever? And hast thou crost that unknown river, Life's dreary bound? Like thee, where shall I find another, the world around?" Poet Robert Burns recalls with sadness, envy, and high esteem the life of one Matthew Henderson, "a gentleman who held the patent for his honour immediately from Almighty God."

It would seem possible for us to take a number of clues for achieving a measure of VIRTUE and NOBILITY from the works of Robert Burns, not that Burns himself claimed such a stance. Burns, while not a learned man, knew enough of the religion of Presbyterian Scotland to relate his view of life through those eyes. Yet, he was a free thinker, and

often very critical of the behavior of the Kirk, the ministers, and the elders, which frequently was less what we all expect in religious people.

And in this "Elegy on Captain Matthew Henderson" Burns shows what he does admire in a person, whether religious or not. And, it does not appear from the elegy that our Scottish Cousin Matthew was a religious man, yet one who did seem to derive his "honours" from Almighty God. Henderson impressed Burns as one who did show the qualities that we purport in our motto: *Sola virtus nobilitat!*

What were those qualities? Well, as Burns points out in his EPITAPH of Matthew Henderson, Matthew was a "great" man, ..."poor," ..."brave," ..."bright," ..."kind,"

..."true," ..."queer" (probably meaning here unique, peculiar, and exceptional) ...and "rare." So, no matter how great, the tyrant Death and the mickle Devil have hurled him home, so that we and nature are left to mourn.

Someday, with apologies to our Clan Bard, Neil Henderson, I would look forward to reciting this elegy in a clan gathering. Robert Burns continues to engage my interest, as much in his poetry as in his view of human life.

At the same time he points out, admitting his own failures, the highest qualities which any or all of us can hope to attain.

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members renew their membership. I convened a tent at some of these activities and will be doing so again this year. We find this involvement invigorating and really enjoy meeting and talking with members of our Clan and others who approach us for information about other Scottish/Celtic Societies.

We often have a COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans and Societies) banner at the front of our tent, inviting people to stop by and determine if they have any Scottish or Celtic ties. There will be opportunities for helping others this year at some of the events we will convene and at others where Clan Society convenors invite us to set up a

table. We normally carry all of the books relating to this activity with us.

The events we'll be attending this year are identified in the coming events with an asterisk. [Check page 20-21.]

As you can see, it's pretty ambitious, but we managed to make all the schedule last year and look forward to doing it again. I also look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you who can find your way to one or more of the events listed. Come on down! You'll have a good time, I'm sure!!

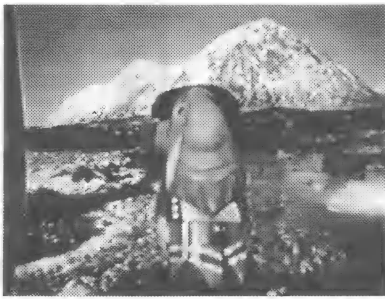


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Preston Cole Brown was born 22 February 2002. He is the son of Troy and Gwendolyn Brown; grandson of Ruth and Gilbert Brown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Maclan is Gathering the Clan

He's looking forward to seeing you at these events

APRIL

- 4-6 **Tartan Fest**
Various venues in Columbia, SC
TartanfestC@aol.com
- 5-6 **Walker Celtic Festival**
Old York Farms, Oakman, AL
- 5-7 **San Antonio Highland Games**
Retama Race Track, Selma, Texas
- 6 **Dunedin Military Tattoo**
Dunedin High School Stadium
Dunedin, FL
- Kern County Scottish Gathering & Games**
Stramler Park
Bakersfield, CA
- Manchester Indoor Scottish Festival**
Memorial High School
Manchester, NH
- National Tartan Day**
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- Tacoma Tartan Day Celebration**
Tacoma, WA
- "Tunes of Glory" Parade**
10,000 pipers from 20 countries
parade through New York City
www.pipefest.com.
- 6-7 **Hawaiian Scottish Festival & Games**
Kapiolani Park Bandstand
Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii
- Medieval Faire**
Norman, OK
- Washington, D.C. Tartan Day ***
The Mall
Washington, D.C.
- 13 **Chesterfield Celtic Heritage Festival**
Pocahontas Park
Chesterfield, VA
Christian Garin
- Dunedin Highland Games**
Dunedin, FL
- 19-21 **Loch Norman Highland Games ***
Huntersville, NC
- 19-20 **Las Vegas Highland Games & Clan Gathering**
Near Freedom Park
Las Vegas, NV
- 20-21 **Celtic Heritage Festival**
Kilgore College Campus
Kilgore, TX
- 26-27 **Celtic Festival at Sedalia**
Big Island, VA
Christian Garin

** President
Rex A.
Maddox
will attend
these events*

- 27 **James Monroe Scottish Block Party**
Fredericksburg, VA
- 27-28 **Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Gathering**
Yolo County Fairgrounds
Woodland, CA
- 27 **Camarillo Celtic Festival**
Camarillo, CA
- S. Maryland Celtic Festival ***
Jefferson Patterson Park Museum
St. Leonard, MD
- 27-28 **Culloden Highland Games**
Culloden, GA

MAY

- 3-5 **Scots-Irish Festival Weekend ***
Winters Heritage House Museum
Elizabethtown, PA
- Oak Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Gathering**
Oak Mountain State Park
Pelham, AL
- Scottish Festival & Celtic Gathering**
Bridgeport City Park
Bridgeport, WV
- 4 **Pace Presb. Church Scottish Festival & Highland Games**
Pace (near Pensacola), FL
- Spring Fling**
Parkinson Rec Center
Kelowna, BC, Canada
- Monmouth Celtic Festival**
Long Branch, NJ
- 4-5 **Loch Prado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games**
Prado Regional Park
Chino, CA
- 10-11 **Kentucky Scottish Weekend**
General Butler State Resort Park
Carrollton, KY
- 11 **Frederick Celtic Festival**
Beatty-Cramer House
Frederick, MD
- Savannah Scottish Games & Gathering ***
Old Fort Jackson
Savannah, GA
- 17-19 **Celtic Heritage Festival in Hanover County ***
Graymont Park
Ashland, VA
Christian Garin
- Edinboro Festival**
Edinboro, PA
Doug Henderson
- Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games**

- Mills Park, Gatlinburg, TN
- Houston Highland Games & Celtic Festival**
Scottish Rite/Double Eagle Ranch, just north of Beltway 8 S.
Houston, TX
- 18 **Colonial Highland Gathering**
Fair Hill, MD
- Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival**
Westerly High School
Westerly, RI
- Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games**
Menaul School
Albuquerque, NM
- Springfield Highland Games & Celtic Festival**
Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL
- 18-19 **Atlanta Celtic Festival**
Oglethorpe Univ.
Atlanta, GA
- 25-26 **Alma Games ***
Alma, MI
- 29 **Highland Dance Competition and Ceilidh**
Duluth Scottish Heritage Assn
Fitzer Complex
Duluth, MN
- 30-2 **Glasgow Highland Games**
Glasgow, KY

JUNE

- 1 **Bellingham/Whatcom County Highland Games**
Holvander Homestead Park
Ferndale, WA
- Bonnie Brae Scottish Games**
Liberty Corners, NJ
- Indian Springs Scottish Festival**
Indian Spring Hotel
Indian Spring, GA
- Scottish Fest/The Milwaukee * Highland Games**
Old Heidelberg Park
Glendale, WI
- Pipes and Drums Festival**
Harrisburg City Island
Harrisburg, PA
- Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Music Festival**
Oak Park, Greenfield, NH
- McHenry Highland Festival**
Deep Creek Lake, MD
- 1-2 **Tri-Valley Celtic Festival**
University of Rio Grande
Rio Grande, OH

- 7-9 **Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games**
Maverick Stadium
Arlington, TX
- 8 **Indiana Highland Games**
Concordia Theological Seminary
Ft. Wayne, IN
- Kansas City Scottish Highland Games**
Wyandotte County Fairgrounds
Kansas City, KS
- 8-9 **Potomac Celtic Festival ***
Morven Park Equestrian Center
Leesburg, VA
Christian Garin
- 9 **Steppingstone Highland Festival**
Havre De Grace, MD
- 15 **Campbell Highland Games & Celtic Festival**
Campbell Community Center
Campbell, CA
- Illinois St. Andrew Society Highland Games**
Oak Brook Polo Ground
Oak Brook, IL
- Loch Sloy Highland Games**
Old Fort Erie
Fort Erie, ON, Canada
- Southern Alleghenies Heritage Day**
Bedford, PA
- 22 **Ohio Scottish Games**
Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
- Tacoma Highland Games**
Frontier Park, Graham, WA
- Western Massachusetts * Highland Games & Celtic Festival**
Brimfield, MA
- 22-23 **San Diego Scottish Highland Games**
Brenge Terrace Park, Vista, CA
- 28-30 **Summerside, PEI**
- 29-7 **Halifax Tattoo ***
Halifax Metro Centre
Halifax, Nova Scotia

JULY

- 1 **Pugwash ***
Pugwash, NS
- 6 **Halifax Games ***
Halifax, NS
- Round Hill Highland Games**
Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT
- Wyoming Celtic Festival & Highland Games**
Cam-Plex Park, Gillette, WY
- 11-14 **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**
MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC
- 12-14 **Antigonish ***
Antigonish, NS
- 13 **Payson Scottish Festival**
Payson City Park, Payson, UT
- Saline Celtic Festival**
Mill Pond Park, Saline, MI
- 13-14 **Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire**
Manheim, PA
- 20 **Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival**
Stanley Park
Westfield, MA
- Scottish Festival at Graeme Park**
Horsham, PA
- 7-8 **Mid-Summer Scottish Festival**
King of Prussia, PA
- Adams County Irish Festival**
Gettysburg, PA
- 20-21 **Virginia Scottish Games ***
Alexandria, VA
Christian Garin

AUGUST

- 16-17 **West Virginia Highland Games ***
Beckley, WV
- 23-24 **Lewisburg Celtic Legends**
Lewisburg, PA
- 20 **McLain Highland Festival**
Carlisle, PA

SEPTEMBER

- 6-8 **Ligonier Highland Games ***
Ligonier, PA
- 7-9 **Green Lane Park Scottish Games**
Green Lane Park, PA

- 20-21 **Tulsa Highland Games**
Tulsa, OK
- 21-22 **Maryland Renaissance Festival**
Crownsville, MD
- Scottish Games and Festival**
Shawnee-On-The-Del., PA
- 29 **New Jersey Scottish Festival**
Holmdel, NJ
- 28 **Williamsburg Scottish Festival ***
Williamsburg, VA
Christian Garin
- 27-29 **Celtic Classic Highland Games**
Bethlehem, PA

OCTOBER

- 4-6 **Tennessee Highland Games * Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting**
Murfreesboro, TN
- 5-6 **Chesapeake Celtic Festival**
Snow Hill, MD
- 12 **Radford Highlanders Festival**
Radford, VA
Christian Garin
- 12 **Anne Arundel Scottish Festival**
Crownsville, MD
- 18-20 **Stone Mountain Games ***
Atlanta, GA
- 18-19 **Arkansas Highland Games**
Ft Smith, AR
- 25-26 **Bel Air Games**
El Paso, TX
- 26-27 **Richmond Highland Games**
Richmond, VA
Christian Garin

NOVEMBER

- 2-3 **Arkansas Celtic Garland**
Hot Springs, AR

DECEMBER

- 7 **Scottish Christmas Walk * Clan Henderson Ceilidh**
Alexandria, VA

Pipefest

John Henderson

Pipefest is widely known. It will take place 6 April and will raise money for cancer research both in the U.S.A. and the U.K. (Check www.pipefest.com).

My father, David Henderson, was featured in the newsletter in 1995 as he went to Scotland to participate. We were going together this year as our bands were not going but now my band is going to attend, so we have to work out the details. The event is held in New York City, so watch for us.

Dad and I are both pipers, he plays with the pipes and drums of Tampa Bay and I play with the Amerscots in New York.

[Ed note: At least this time we have the correct picture.]



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Scottish Immigrants

by Joey Hartman, 3rd grade

Many Scottish people came to America during the Eighteenth Century (300 years ago). In 1745 at the battle of Culloden, the English defeated the Scots and many of them lost their lands. This meant they couldn't raise cattle or grow food. There was no work for them to buy food or have houses. This meant famine for the people. They also weren't allowed to keep their culture or traditions. They were not allowed to wear their family tartans, play the bagpipes, or carry weapons. That's why my family came to America.

Note: Joey wrote this paragraph for a school assignment. The students were studying colonists and why different cultures immigrated to America. They were asked to pick a culture, write a paragraph, and make a clothespin doll. The doll needed to represent the people of the culture chosen during the colonist time. Of course, Joey being proud of his Scottish heritage chose "The Scots". He designed his clothespin doll after his grandparents Lee and Dottie Henderson helped with the research for the paragraph. — Joey is the son of member Laura Henderson Sherman.

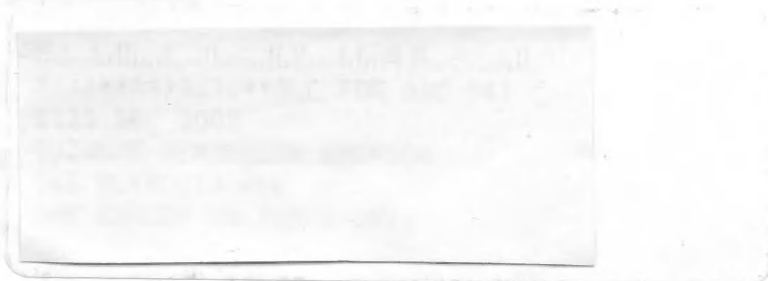


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